mandays of employment generation was fixed for the year 1988-89 against which 296.56 million mandays are reported to have been generated in various States/UTs under RLEGP during 1988-89. The percentage achievement comes to 113.88%. State-wise performance under RLEGP during 1988-89,, is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 132]

(c) During 1988-89, against resource of Rs. 70.10 crores released to Andhra Pradesh under RLEGP, Rs. 63.82 crores are reported to have been utilised in the State, which comes to 91.05%. Against the target of 26.25 million mandays of employment generation, 29.45 million mandays of employment were generated in Andhra Pradesh under RLEGP during 1988-89, which is 112.20% of the target. As compared to other States/UTs, performance of Andhra Pradesh is rated as 'Very Good'.

Exploitation of labourers by middlemen

3581. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to statewhether Government have recently received any complaints about the labourers from Andhra Pradesh being exploited and victimised by middlemen for sending them abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Yes, Sir. Complaints from two workers from Hyderabad regarding cheating have been received in the current year against two unregistered agents. The complaints have been referred to the police authorities for investigation.

Subsidy to fertilizer industry

3582. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the amount of central subsidy given to the fertilizer industry in the country during the years 1986 and 1987, year-wise; and

(b) what is the extent to which the central subsidy has proved as an incentive to operate the fertilizer units according to their installed capacity stating the extent to which it has helped in bringing down the imports of fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) : (a) The subsidies paid on indigenous fertilizers during the financial years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 were Rs. 1600 crores, Rs. 1700 crores and Rs. 2050 crores, respectively.

(b) Under the retention price and subsidy scheme, the fertilizer units are assured of a return of 12% post-tax on networth. This has proved to be quite an incentive for the investment in the fertilizer sector resulting in increased production and reduction in imports of fertilizers. Production (N+P) as a percentage of consumption has increased from 61% in 1980-81 to 92% in 1987-88.

मदन महल रेलवे स्टेशन, मध्य प्रदेश का विकास

3583. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर नगर में मध्य रेलवे के मदन महल रेलवे स्टेशन का विकास करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मन्त्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) 4.64 लाख रुपये की लागत पर मदन महल रेलवे स्टेशन की इमारत का विस्तार पहले ही स्वीकृत किया जा चुका है।

Completion of Talcher-Sambalpur Broad Gauge rail line

3584. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state :

(a) by when the Talcher-Sambalpur Broad Gauge rail line is likely to be completed;

(b) the amount spent so far and percentage of work done in this line;

(c) by when the Talcher-Angul Railway line is likely to be opened for traffic; and

(d) the total estimated cost of Sambalpur-Talcher Railway line at present ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

(b) Percentage of work done is 19% upto July, 90. Amount spent is Rs. 27.62 crores upto March, 90.

(c) During 1990-91.

(d) Rs. 100.00 crores.

Production of Edible Oils

3585. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the production of oilseeds and edible oils during the year 1989-90;

(b) how does it compare with the previous three years;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any review of the oilseeds and elible oils policy; and

(d) what is Government's action plan to remove the shortage of edible oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The production of oilseeds and edible oils during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Production of oil seeds (lakh tonnes)	Production of edible oil (lakh tonnes)
1986-87	112·7	33·48
1987-88	126·5	37·67
1988-89	178·9	49·50
1989-90	171·6*	47·81*

*Estimated

(c) The oilseeds and edible oil production, import, distribution and pricing is being regularly monitored by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and by the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy.

(d) During the VIII Plan, the Government would continue to support the farmers with technology, inputs and remunerative price for oilseeds with the objective of achieving near self-reliance in edible oils by the year 1994-95.

Regulations for Control of Pesticides

3586. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in U.K. under control of pesticides Regulation 1980 it is illegal to use any pesticide except officially approved by their Ministry of Agriculture; and

(b) if so whether similar regulations exist in India and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government is aware that the use of pesticides is Regulated in U.K. in India also, use of pesticides is strictly regulated through Insecticides Act 1968. No pesticides can be used in India unless it is registered for this purpose by the Registration Committee set up under this Act.

Adulteration of vegetable oil by the NDDB

3587. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of dissatisfaction over PDS and price-rise ex-